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GENERAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 28,1978

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1. EMBASSY COMMISSARY HAS PROVIDED US TWO COST ESTIMATES FOR RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT EMBASSY AUDITORIUM, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, CURRENT COMMISSARY PRICES, AND 100 OR MORE GUESTS. WE WOULD NOT BE CHARGED FOR USE OF AUDITORIUM.

2. THE "AVERAE" 5 DOLLAR/PERSON RECEPTION (OR 2250 DOLLARS FOR 450 GUESTS) INCLUDES A MIX OF HOT AND COLD HORS D'OEUVRES: HAM AND TURKEY, NUTS AND RAISINS, ROAST BEEF, VEGETABLES, QUICHES LORRAINE, ETC., AND IS SERVED WITH ORDINARY LIQUORS-- RED LABEL SCOTCH, JIM BEAM, ETC.

3. THE "DE LUXE" RECEPTION AVERAGES ABOUT 7 DOLLARS/ PERSON (OR 3150 DOLLARS FOR 450 GUESTS), INCLUDES SAME FOOD LISTED ABOVE BUT "UPGRADED" WITH SALMON, FOIE GRAS, CAVIAR, ETC. LIQUOR WOULD ALSO BE UPGRADED TO CHIVAS REGAL AND JACK DANIELS BLACK, AND INCLUDE CHAMPAGNE.
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4. BOTH 5 AND 7 DOLLAR QUOTES ARE "ESTIMATES" BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE. IN FACT, ACTUAL CHARGES ARE USUALLY FOR AMOUNTS CONSUMED, WITH A REFUND (OR NON-CHARGE) FOR NON-PERISHABLES WHICH CAN BE RETURNED TO COMMISSARY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ONLY LIQUOR SINCE FOOD MUST BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR NUMBER OF GUESTS SPECIFIED BY

HOST. THEREFORE, ACTUAL COST OF RECEPTION MIGHT
FLUCTUATE ON EITHER SIDE OF ESTIMATE DEPENDING UPON
GUESTS' CONSUMPTION.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONTRACT WITH COMMISSARY FOR A
FIXED AMOUNT (I.E. 3150 DOLLARS FOR 450 PEOPLE.) IF
ACTUAL COST FALLS BELOW, COMMISSARY TAKES THE PROFIT,
OR IF ABOVE, IT ABSORBS THE LOSS. COMMISSARY MANAGER
(DOYLE) EXPLAINED THIS IS DONE FOR BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO
ARE LIMITED TO A STRICT BUDGET, AND CANNOT DEVIATE FROM
IT.

6. PERM DEL HAS NOT SOUGHT ESTIMATES ELSEWHERE, BUT WAS
INFORMED BY DOYLE THAT RECEPTIONS OF SIMILAR QUALITY
PRESENTED AT MAJOR HOTELS (HILTON, INTERCONTINENTAL,
ETC.) GENERALLY COST ABOUT 100 FRANCS (ABOUT 23 DOLLARS)
PER PERSON.
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